

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I represent a regional ISP called BluegrassNet based in Louisville & Lexington, Kentucky. We actively service 3,000 customers, of which, 1,000 are small to medium sized businesses throughout the region.

These businesses rely on BluegrassNet not only for bandwidth to the Internet, but for a complex array of integrated services ranging from webpage hosting, database deployment and maintenance, custom VPN, security management and network screening, all the way to server colocation and management. In many cases, it is IMPERATIVE that we deliver custom network configuration and engineering support to make our customers' businesses applications run.

A large and CRITICAL factor in the delivery of these technologies is the ability to transfer data at higher rates of speed. BluegrassNet relies on the DSL network in place by BellSouth in Louisville, KY and Verizon in Lexington, KY to run the IP Network over. IP Network being defined as

Sincerely,

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